

Mystery Death of Girl Probed

Police awaited results of an autopsy report to give them a clue in the death of an eight-year-old Calle Mayor School student Thursday morning.

Laura Lee Anderson, of 4819 Louise Ave., was pronounced dead after an hour's efforts by a doctor and firemen to save her life.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson, told police the girl had been ill since she underwent a tonsillectomy a week before and had fallen down Wednesday night.

Police also investigated the

City Hall Fate Left Dangling, Bids Rejected

Future fate of the old city hall at 1511 Cravens Ave. was still undetermined today after the City Council rejected bids Tuesday.

The sole written bid was submitted for \$55,000 and an oral bid raised the offer by 10 per cent. Both bids were tossed out on grounds the appraised value of the building is nearly \$100,000.

The Recreation Department and the Chamber of Commerce have both requested to use the old building.

death of Harry Cross, 43, of 1931 W. 236th St., Thursday.

The truck driver had complained of pains since he apparently inhaled strong gas fumes while at an oil well March 15.



UNION SERVICE—Discussing the Good Friday community service conducted under auspices of the Ministerial Association at the First Baptist Church are, from left, Rev. Robert Deh, assistant pastor of the host church; Rev. John L. Taylor, pastor, First Methodist Church; Rev.

William Schatz, pastor, Seaside Community Church; Rev. Charles W. Little, pastor of the Torrance Church of the Nazarene; and Rev. Milton Sippel, pastor of the First Christian Church.

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Sunday, Monday, Tuesday

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—Also—
'Operation Dames'

DEL AMO OPENING
Sufficient funds to open Del Ama Blvd. from Madrona Ave. to Crenshaw Blvd. will be budgeted by the county next year, Mayor Albert Isen announced this week. He said he received the report from Supervisor Burton W. Chace's field deputy.

Victoria Park City Battled

Victoria Park residents will leave in four bus loads in April to attend a protest hearing on the proposed incorporation of the area.

A hearing on exclusion of the subdivision from the proposed gambling city, will be conducted by the Board of Supervisors in Los Angeles.

The Victoria Park Civic Council which has opposed the cityhood scheme since it was first announced by Joseph Asaro, is sponsoring the concerted mass protest delegation.

Four buses, furnished through the courtesy of the Dominguez Water Co., will leave from the Victoria Park shopping center shortly after 8 a.m., according to Mrs. Lansing Scott, publicity chairman.

The group will meet on the campus of the Towne Ave. Elementary School, where the gates will be opened at 8 a.m.

Asaro previously announced that the main financial revenue from the proposed 1.3 square mile city will come from a Garden-style poker club.

Garlid to Enter Contest

Karl Garlid, 14-year-old South High student, will represent the Torrance Optimist Club at the Southwest Area Speak-off Mar. 26. Thirteen Optimist clubs will be represented.

Council Takes Steam Out of Gas Tax Hike

Gasoline is expensive enough now without the state imposing an additional one-cent per gallon tax.

That was the almost unanimous opinion of the City Council when it refused to endorse a proposed state gasoline tax hike, which would give cities six-tenths and counties four-tenths cents for road purposes.

"The counties use the gas tax as a pork barrel over which we have nothing to say," declared Councilman Robert Jahn. "I'm unalterably opposed."

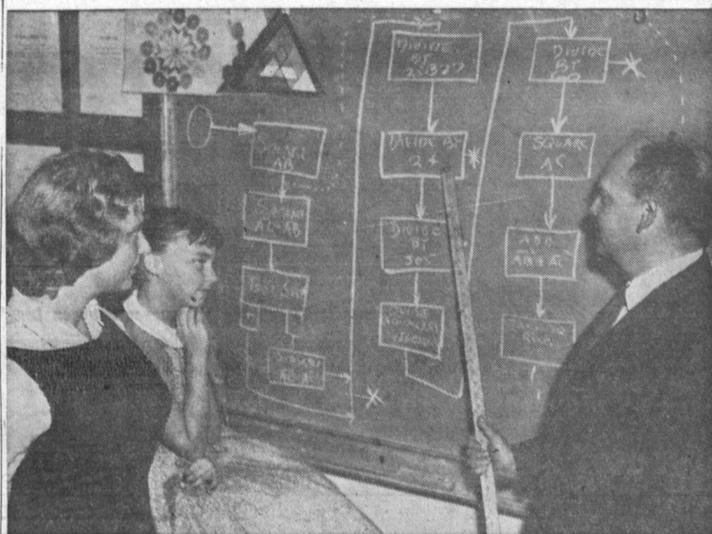
"Gasoline is expensive enough already," agreed Mayor Albert Isen.

Instead of passing a resolution favoring the tax hike, councilmen, with the exception of J. A. Beasley, ordered a resolution opposing the measure.

First Aid Class

A standard first aid class will be held in the Flavian Elementary School cafeteria beginning April 7, from 7 to 9:30 p. m. for a period of five weeks. Flavian School is located at 5038 Halison St.

The class is part of the Torrance adult education program and is in cooperation with the American Red Cross and will follow the new condensed outline. American Red Cross standard first aid certificates will be issued upon completion. Adults 18 years of age or older may register at the first class.



SOLVING THE PROBLEM—Parent James Harlan, who helped a Riviera Elementary School class run a mathematical race with an electronic computer, goes over some of the steps in solving an outer space distance problem. Looking on are Trish Harlan and Kathryn Reed. The students took 21 hours to solve the problem. The computer took eight seconds.

Riviera Eighth Graders Run Poor Second to Computer in Figuring Space Problems

Students in two Riviera Elementary School eighth grade classes entered the battle of man vs. machine recently and came out a very poor second. The classes weren't surprised, however, since they expected to lose.

In figuring several complex outer space problems, students in Mrs. Irma Wilson's and Ronald Hall's classes competed with an electronic computer. It took a cooperative effort of the class to complete the work in 21 hours. It took the computer about eight seconds.

The "race" was run through a parent, James Harlan, who is employed by Shell Chemical. He arranged for the students to compare the accuracy and time of their work with the Shell electronic computer. He also gave

the class an insight into the workings of the computer.

Student mathematical concepts got a real workout as students pondered the fact that Pluto is 3,680,000,000 miles from the sun, that light travels 669,613,824 miles per hour, and that a rocket would have to travel more than 25,900 miles an hour to escape from earth's gravity. With facts like these in mind, the students had to figure out:

1. What is the closest distance between the earth and each of the other eight planets in the Solar System?
2. What is the least time, in both days and years, that it would take a rocket ship to go from earth to each planet?
3. What is the shortest time that light would need to travel

to the earth from each planet? 4. What is the distance between each planet and the earth when they are at right angles to the sun?

In presenting his report on the Computer, Harlan stressed the need for good mathematics, since the computer must be fed the right information to come up with the right answers. Although machines can do a problem before a human can count to ten, the humans still must learn how to operate it and give it the necessary information, he said.

The project arose through reports on the binary system of mathematics made by Harlan's daughter, Patricia, and John Kelley.

Police Rental Questioned in City Aid Pact

A proposed agreement among South Bay cities to swap police, fire, street, water and other municipal equipment and personnel was viewed dimly by councilmen before holding it for further study.

City Manager George Stevens explained that the agreement would broaden the present mutual aid pact for other city functions, particularly during a disaster.

"We could well wind up on the 'ending end of this,'" commented Councilman Nicholas O. Drale. Mayor Albert Isen pointed out that under the agreement cities with common boundaries could plan their fire station locations to be used conveniently by both.

"Under this agreement we could rent five cops," Councilman J. A. Beasley observed. "Yes, but will the uniforms go with them?" asked Councilman Victor Benstead.

College Expansion Planned

Faced with mounting enrollments which indicate a student body close to 20,000 by 1965, the El Camino College Board of Trustees moved to increase the present campus by acquisition of approximately 14 acres of additional land.

The land to be purchased is situated south of the present El Camino campus and is bounded by 164th Street and Redondo Beach Blvd., on the north, Crenshaw Blvd., on the east and the Dominguez Flood Channel on the west and south.

Due to conflicting interests in the ownership of the parcel, the Trustees passed a resolution authorizing the County Counsel to institute condemnation proceedings. Value of the land will be established by the courts.

With the addition of this land, the El Camino campus will be increased to slightly over 104 acres, according to college officials. The present campus of 90 acres was secured in 1947 from the County of Los Angeles without cost to the college district, chiefly through the efforts of the late Raymond V. Darby, at that time Chairman of the County Board.

SLATE GOLF TOURNEY

Torrance Kiwanis, Lions, Optimist and Rotary Clubs will battle it out at a golf tournament at the Inglewood Country Club April 7.

Swim and Gym Club Launched in Waleria

"Country club style" membership limited to 150 families is the newest feature to be announced for the soon to be completed Swim and Gym Club, located at the site of Adli Swim School, 24444 Hawthorne Blvd.

Currently under construction is a 900 square foot gym which will look out over the 50x50-foot "L" shaped swimming pool.

The gym will house a full assortment of gymnastics and sports equipment. Opening date for the gym is set for the first week in May.

Ultra-modern filtration and chlorination equipment keeps the water clean and life guards will be on duty at all times to safeguard members using the pool.

On week-ends and after hours the gym will be used as a social hall.

Other facilities on the club grounds are a tots' play area, sun deck, tropical patio and a turf area.

Bid Procedure Ires Councilmen

City department heads with problems never come to the City Council until it's too late to do something about them, Councilman J. A. Beasley charged Tuesday night.

He made the assertion after complaining that a company which might have bid on the liability insurance at Torrance Municipal Airport was not given sufficient time to make a survey on which to base its premium.

"It looks like we're in a trap again," agreed Councilman Robert Jahn as the council voted to accept the only insurance offer made.

"The department heads are supposed to run the city. If they can't run their departments and get us bids, we ought to get different department heads," Councilman George Bradford chimed in.

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